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Rusk Defends U.S. Policies Abroad Amid Increasing Congress Criticism

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Secretary of State Dean Rusk yesterday was called to the Capitol to brief the Senate Foreign Relations Committee amid growing congressional controversy over the conduct of United States policy in the world's crisis spots.

Rusk stoutly defended United States policies in the Congo and said he would have no objection to a congressional investigation of them "or to a full examination of the full (foreign policy) story."

He briefed the closed meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee on the situation in the Congo and the U. S. position on India's invasion of Portuguese Goa, as criticism of the United Nations continued building up, mainly on the Republican side of the aisle.

It was a Democrat, however, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (Conn.), a leading critic of the United Nations operations in the Congo, who told a press conference on Tuesday that he will press for an investigation by a select Senate committee.

Praise for Tshombe

Dodd, after making a trip to Katanga, had praised its President Moise Tshombe as a friend of the West and had said that a Communist takeover might result from forcible restoration of Katanga to the central government of the Congo.

In a statement made public in New York, former President Herbert Hoover yesterday endorsed Dodd's position on the Katanga situation and condemned United States support of troop operations.

Secretary Rusk, however, backed up by Senate Democratic leaders, said United States policies have been aimed at achieving peace and

stability in the area by bringing Congo Premier Cyrille Adoula and Tshombe together in talks.

Rusk said it is not the purpose of the United Nations to impose any settlement on Katanga or the Congo. The basic political solution, he said, must be reached by consultation and agreement between the leaders.

Mustered by Fulbright

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) mustered the half dozen members of the Foreign Relations Committee in town to hear Rusk, before the Secretary of State caught

India now worrying over effect of worldwide criticism of Goa invasion on needed foreign aid.

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East Indonesian commander says commando units practice amphibious landings near Dutch New Guinea.

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a plane to Palm Beach to prepare for President Kennedy's two-day meeting with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Rusk told the Committee that the Administration's position on the Congo was largely summed up by Under Secretary of State George W. Ball in a speech delivered in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Ball warned that the success of the Katanga secession movement would "threaten the entire Congo with chaos and civil war and lead to the establishment of a Communist base in the heart of Central Africa."

After Rusk gave the briefing, Senate Democratic Whip Albert H. Humphrey (Minn.)

struck sharply at critics of U. S. and U. N. policies in the Congo and elsewhere.

Humphrey said those who lend support to the Katanga secession movement "are weakening the position of the United States in world affairs and weakening the cause of general independence in Africa . . . I don't intend to aid Mr. Khrushchev in his efforts to weaken, control or destroy the U. N."

Warns of 'Balkanization'

Snapped Humphrey: "If the right-wing crowd in this country wants to climb in bed with Khrushchev, I hope they fight over the covers and freeze."

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) released a statement saying the alternative to supporting U. N. action in the Congo might be "Balkanization of the Congo into many states and a deepening of the chaos . . ."

Two of those present, Senators Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) and Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio), apparently were not influenced by Rusk's briefing, however. Lausche said he had not altered his position since writing a constituent that the present U. N. course in the Congo is a "mistake." Hickenlooper said he is concerned over the split among our allies over our policies.

John W. Byrnes (R-Wis.), chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, said he will recommend action by his GOP unit designed to force a congressional "reappraisal" of United States policy in financing U. N. operations like those in the Congo.

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